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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

Hyun Duk Cho et al

Examiner

Y. Lee

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.
3. The following title is suggested: "Method for Coding and Decoding Picture Signal by Forming a Partition Table Having Length Information".

Claim Objections

4. Claims 4 and 11 are objected to because of the following informalities: line 2, "the highest" should be changed to --a highest--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagai et al (5,930,395).

Nagai et al, in Figures 8, 12, 14-17, and 31 discloses a moving-picture signal coding and/or decoding system resistant to transmission error using the same method for encoding and decoding a picture signal as specified in claims 1-14 of the present invention, comprising the steps of grouping picture information of one block group into respective information regions of each block, and partitioning to relevant regions; and forming a partition table having length information of the partitioned regions of the grouped respective information regions (e.g. Fig. 12).

With respect to claims 2-14, the grouped respective information of Nagai et al includes a header region having a group of respective headers of a plurality macro blocks, a motion vector region having a group of respective motion vectors of the plurality of macro blocks, and a discrete cosine transform coefficient region having a group of respective discrete cosine transform coefficient region of the plurality of macroblocks; and subjecting grouped information regions to channel coding 64 in redundancies different from one another depending on importance of the information regions so that the partition table has the highest redundancy, and the header region, the motion vector region, and the discrete cosine transform region have redundancies in a descending order of recitation (i.e. DCT may be omitted); and transmitting

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resynchronization markers PSC first for marking the block groups; wherein the partition table is formed by converting a maximum length of each partitioning region into a number of bits (e.g. in synchronizing intervals).

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Nagai et al and Das et al disclose content-based video picture compression systems, and variable-length coding and/or decoding system.

8. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Y. Lee, whose telephone number is (703) 308-7584.


Y. LEE
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Y. Lee/yl
August 7, 2003